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THERMAL TRANSFER TYPE COLOR PRINTER

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: EP0511029A2] A thermal transfer type color printer comprising:(a) an ink film supply roll (7) for supplying an ink film (6) on which plural color inks are sequentially painted in its longitudinal direction;(b) ink film transporting means (9) for transporting said ink film;(c) a cylindrically-shaped platen roller (5) capable of revolving forward and backward around its shaft line, said platen roller having an outer peripheral face on which plural sprocket pins (5a) are regularly formed, said sprocket pins being arranged in such a manner that each of said sprocket pins can be matched with each of feed holes (2a) formed at an edge portion of a printing paper in its longitudinal direction, said printing paper being partially wound around the outer peripheral face of said platen roller and said ink film being partially wound to be in close contact with said printing paper so that said printing paper is transported forward and backward in accordance with revolution of said platen roller in color printing;(d) a thermal head (10) capable of being pressed against and separated from said platen roller; and(e) tension applying means (101) for applying tension force to said ink film in its longitudinal direction so that said ink film can be in close contact with said printing paper wound around said platen roller during said printing paper is transported backward by said platen roller, said thermal head being repeatedly pressed against and separated from said platen roller which is repeatedly revolved forward and backward so that said printing paper is transported forward and backward while said ink film is sequentially transported forward, whereby said thermal head transfers said plural color inks on said printing paper so that a desirable color image will be printed out without color dislocation and without forming untransferred portions thereof by said tension applying means.

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